

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In response to the Advisory Action mailed May 27, 2003, a substitute specification and abstract, proposed drawing amendments marked in red, and formal drawings incorporating the amendments are filed herewith.

Also, claims 14 and 15 have been canceled in favor of new claims 16-19.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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